

To FCC public servant:

I am concerned that Low Power FM broadcasting services may end up pre-empting broadcast of stations such as K-LOVE. In the San Francisco Bay Area, K-LOVE is broadcast on 91.9, 99.3 and 89.5. Contrasting sharply with much popular music, K-LOVE provides listeners of all ages with music that reaches beyond the negativity of much popular music. Instead of offering only sexually charged lyrics, the glorifying of greed and posturing, and desperate and hopeless angst, K-LOVE floods the airwaves with words of love and hope. There is honesty in the angst expressed in some youth music, but K-LOVE offers songs honest in their laments of modern life and honest in recognizing timeless truth that helps modern Americans deal with the challenges they face. For families and parents who want lively music to enjoy, but don't want to deal with shock jocks and crassness demanded by societies lowest common denominators (the same lowest common denominators, that make prostitution the oldest profession in the world), K-LOVE offers a total contrast. It is indeed a safe place for young children to come to find music that brings them the emotional release and joy of music without the trash that so dominates American Popular culture.

There are enough voices of the prurient on the air. If K-LOVE were to be displaced by an LPFM broadcaster, a truly unique voice would be removed from our community. It serves as a dissident voice in a region that differs (from what I can tell) from other regions of America. More often than not churchgoing is seen as an anomaly here. And far from being the dominant cultural influence, Christianity is just one among many voices. K-LOVE represents a modern expression of ancient Western spiritual traditions. To lose K-LOVE would effectively disenfranchise the Christians in the San Francisco Bay Area.

It is clear to me that the morale underpinnings of a democracy are what makes a democracy work. Without them, democracy is just a power grabbing chaotic mess. Flourishing economies are dependent upon a basic civility. The former Soviet Union struggled and continues to struggle in remaking itself. It has been convincingly argued that Russia suffers economically because of the chaos and lack of business ethics. China struggles with corruption even as its economy grows at a staggering pace. Without a sense of basic trust in the system, business and economics stagnates. Democracy without social mores is an ugly and constant struggle for power.

K-LOVE provides programming that addresses the importance of common decency and integrity. Its influence on youngsters and adults is absolutely in the public interest. It adds to the fluid, whimsy-filled world of entertainment and pop-culture a solid anchor to which people might turn. It is not the only vehicle for this, but it certainly would be a crying shame to lose such a positive influence on our society.

Please do recognize the significance that such broadcasters as K-LOVE bring to our community.

Sincerely,
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